

**SENATE—Friday, July 14, 2000**

The Senate met at 9:01 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, our days of work and nights of rest run together. We need You. We praise You for Your love that embraces us and gives us security, Your joy that uplifts us and gives us resiliency, Your peace that floods our hearts and gives us serenity, and the presence of Your Spirit that fills us and gives us strength and endurance.

We dedicate this day to You. Help us to realize that it is by Your permission that we breathe our next breath and by Your grace that we are privileged to use all the gifts of intellect and judgment that You provide. Give the Senators and all of us who work with them a perfect blend of humility and hope, so that we will know that You have given us all that we have and are and have chosen to bless us this day. Our choice is to respond and commit ourselves to You. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable LINCOLN CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME**

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. L. CHAFEE). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

**SCHEDULE**

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, today the Senate will begin the final votes on the Death Tax Elimination Act. There are nine votes on amendments and a vote on final passage of the bill. Senators should be aware that all votes after the first vote will be limited to 10 minutes in an effort to expedite the process. Following the votes, the Senate will begin consideration of the reconciliation bill. Under a previous agreement, all Senators who have amendments must debate their amendments during today's session with votes scheduled to occur at approximately 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 17.

I thank my colleagues for their cooperation.

**MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2869**

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I do understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2869) to protect religious liberty, and for other purposes.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this bill at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

The Senator from Nevada.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding this first vote will be 15 minutes and the votes thereafter 10 minutes; is that true?

Mr. ROTH. That is correct.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator DASCHLE be excused from today's proceedings under rule VI, paragraph 2.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator DODD be excused from today's proceedings under rule VI, paragraph 2.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**DEATH TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 2000**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 8, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 8) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period.

Pending:

Kerry amendment No. 3839, to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

Santorum amendment No. 3838, to provide for the designation of renewal communities and to provide tax incentives relating to such communities, to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in entities seeking to provide capital to create new markets in low-income communities, and to provide for the establishment of Individual Development Accounts.

Dodd amendment No. 3837, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the

unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to increase, expand, and simplify the child and dependent care tax credit, to expand the adoption credit for special needs children, to provide incentives for employer-provided child care.

Roth amendment No. 3841, to provide for pension reform by creating tax incentives for savings.

Harkin amendment No. 3840, to protect and provide resources for the Social Security System, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the "motherhood penalty," increase the widow's and widower's benefit and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction.

Gramm (for Lott) amendment No. 3842, to provide tax relief by providing modifications to education individual retirement accounts.

Bayh amendment No. 3843, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction and provide a long-term care credit.

Feingold amendment No. 3844, to preserve budget surplus funds so that they might be available to extend the life of Social Security and Medicare.

Roth (for Lott) motion to commit to Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith.

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 3839**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on the Kerry amendment No. 3839.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to amendment No. 3839. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) is necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) would vote "aye."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 189 Leg.]

**YEAS—45**

Akaka	Bingaman	Byrd
Baucus	Boxer	Chafee, L.
Bayh	Breaux	Cleland
Biden	Bryan	Conrad